

# Troy Museum & Historic Village

**Museum Hours:**  
Mon.-Sat.: 9 am-4:30 pm  
Closed Sundays

60 West Wattles Road (NW corner of Wattles & Livernois)  
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[www.troymi.gov/museum](http://www.troymi.gov/museum)



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*Bring a camera for that photo op!*

**T**ry hands-on activities throughout our "Candy Cane" Village. Go back in time in our cabin and see how the pioneer family made Christmas. Enjoy a candy making demonstration and candy cane crafts for kids young and old. The Royal Oak Community Handbell Choir will perform at **1:15 pm**. Enjoy music, including the Troy Athens Choir, and cookies. Fresh garlands and hot cider donated by Troy Garden Club, WNF&GA. **Fee: Adults \$3, Children (ages 6-17) \$2, Children (ages 0-5) are free. Park at Zion Christian Church (3668 Livernois) ¼ mile South of Wattles and ride a free shuttle to the museum.**



'Tis the season! Help the U.S. Marine Corps collect toys for needy children in our area. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Museum between Nov. 30- Dec. 10, or to A Candy Cane Christmas on Dec. 5 when active-duty and Veteran Marines will accept your donations in person!

## A Candy Cane Christmas

**Saturday, December 5  
from 1-4 pm**



**C**ome to our red and white striped "Candy Cane" Village for a fun and festive family celebration. The first 100 visitors arriving dressed in red and white will receive a small gift. Have your camera ready as Santa Claus will arrive in his horse-drawn carriage at **2 pm** and will then be hearing children's wish lists.



*Santa arrives by horse-drawn carriage!*

## Holiday Gingerbread House

**Saturday, December 12,  
from 10 am-noon and 1-3 pm**

**M**ake your own gingerbread house with the help of instructor Jeanetta Miller. All materials provided. A great family or Scout activity!

**Fee: \$9. Ages: 6 to adult.**

**Register before**

**Dec. 3; space is limited for this popular program.**

## Museum Adventure Pass!

Visit your local library and then visit the Museum for free! The Museum Adventure



Pass, sponsored by Macy's, will admit up to 4 people. Visit [www.detroitadventurepass.org](http://www.detroitadventurepass.org) for info.

## New Displays in February

The Museum is a hot place to be this winter with two special exhibits! These will be on display the entire month:

**L**aura Ingalls Wilder -- **The Journey of a Pioneer Family:** Direct from the Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Home and Museum in Mansfield, Missouri, see a new display about the life of America's best-known pioneer girl. The accessible display will be in the Pioneer Room of the main museum building.

**Q**uils: It's going to be a warm and cozy February at the Museum with a new display of homemade quilts, provided by the Cameo Quilt Guild. The quilts will be shown in a variety of settings using the museum buildings as backgrounds. *See page 34 for more information and related programming.*

## Museum News

### Holiday Closings

In honor of national holidays, the Troy Museum will be closed Nov 26-29, Dec 24-27, and Dec 31-Jan 3, 2010.

### Admission Fees

Adults: \$3

Children (ages 6-17): \$2

Children (under 6): Free

Annual passes \$15 (individual), \$25 (family). Ask about special rates for Troy Historical Society members. Program fees include admission.

### Museum is on Facebook



Log on to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), search for "Troy Museum & Historic Village" and become a "fan" for news, pictures and more.

## Thursday Teas at Two

Sip a cup of Tea while enjoying a slice of history. A different delightful topic each month! Presentations begin at 2 pm and last one hour. Guests are welcome to bring a china cup and saucer, if preferred.



### January 28: Tea and Broadway

Enjoy a dynamic cabaret-style revue, presented by the **Michigan Opera Theatre**! This "American Songbook" features works by Gershwin, Rodgers & Hammerstein, and more.

### February 25: Celebri-tea

Actress **Jacinta Shanae** returns to interpret the lives of four ground-breaking women in the fine and performing arts. Can you guess who they are?

### March 25: Easter Bonnet Tea

Put on all the frills! Collector **Lori Hoffman** presents a fashion show of historic Edwardian "spring" hats just perfect for an Easter parade.

### April 29: Austen-tacious Tea

**Barb Gulley**, of Barb's Tea Shop and member of JASNA, shares the historical significance of tea and other Regency period influences on Jane Austen and her books.

**Fee: \$5 per ticket.**  
**Register in advance,**  
**as space is limited for this popular series.**  
**Program held in Old Troy Church.**

## Village Tour and Candlemaking

**Saturdays, November 21, January 16, February 20,  
 and March 20**  
**1 pm**

Enjoy a guided tour of Troy's crown jewel when the paths are sprinkled with snow. See an authentic log cabin, and imagine what it was like with just a fireplace for heat. Visit the oldest house in Troy (1832), Poppleton School, and more. Learn about your community's heritage, then dip two souvenir beeswax candles! Recommended for 3rd grade and up. This is great for Scout groups; registration required for groups (minimum 5). Fun for families, too.

**Fee: \$5 per person. Space is limited.**



## Museum Music -- Irish Style

**Saturdays, January 16, February 20,  
 and March 20**  
**Noon - 4 pm**

Do you like Irish Music? Come and stay a while! Do you play or sing? Come and join the fun! Sit in on a jam session of traditional folk tunes with members of the Detroit Irish Music Association. This is casual acoustic music to warm your spirit.

**Free with admission; refreshments provided.**  
**Please call ahead to register. Teachers and  
 students welcome; middle school and up.**



## Evening Lecture Series Sponsored by the Troy Historical Society

Troy has always been connected to our surrounding communities. People travel to visit friends and relatives, for work, for higher education, for shopping. Transportation became much easier when the Detroit United Railway (DUR) came through—it ran in Troy from 1899-1931. Let's learn what was happening in some of our neighboring communities.

### January 20: Spectacular Rochester

Pat McKay, director of the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, gives us the historical highlights—including facts about the high jump in Rochester.

### February 17: Building Birmingham

Many of Troy's pioneering families had connections in Birmingham. Explore the dynamic city south west of Troy with Bill McElhone, director of the Birmingham Historical Museum & Park.

### March 17: The History of Pummychug, aka Clawson

What is a pummychug and how did Clawson get that nickname? Melodie Nichols, director of the Clawson Museum, reveals this historic nugget and more.

### April 21: Chases Corners, the Beginnings of Royal Oak

Muriel Versagi, of the Royal Oak Historical Museum, relates the history of another Oakland County community that grew from a small cluster of homes and businesses.

### May 19: First City of the Old Northwest

Joel Stone, curator at the Detroit Historical Museum, presents 150 years of Detroit's history.

**All lectures are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Old Troy Church at the Museum. Refreshments provided. Fee: \$5 at the door; free for Historical Society members. No registration required.**

## Cheddar's Preschool Story Hour Select Wednesdays 10:30-11:15 am

Join Cheddar the Museum Mouse in listening to a classic tale during our monthly program for little historians! A simple craft and a yummy treat will make your child's visit complete. Appropriate for children ages 2-5; child must be accompanied by an adult.



**December 2 Silver Bells**  
**January 6 Let it Snow!**  
**February 3 Hooray for Valentine's Day**  
**March 3 Homemade Butter with Mother Goose**

**Fee: Children FREE, adults \$3**  
**Registration begins after the Story Hour one month ahead.**  
**Space is limited.**

## Welcome Scouts, Campfire, YMCA

**Saturdays at 10:30 am**  
**Other times by arrangement**

Call to schedule a special program for your group of children! We have several options to suit your needs.

### Artifact Hunt & Buttermaking

We will greet you and provide a checklist and pictures of artifacts the kids can locate in seven different historic buildings. When this self-guided search is complete (approx. duration one hour), we will lead the children in making butter to go along with a cracker snack. Each child will take home a Museum pencil and an Activity Book. Recommended grades K-2. Minimum group size is 5. Each group is entitled to one free adult chaperone. Optional: pack a lunch and eat in the schoolhouse to complete your outing.

**Fee: \$5 per person.**

See also "Village Tour and Candlemaking" (grades 3-12). For self-guided groups, we offer the "Caswell Family Hunt" (preK-1), hands-on "Troy Hall," or "Artifact Hunt" free with admission. Please call ahead so we can prepare for your children.

### Historic Church:

#### Intimate, Charming, Whimsical

Planning a wedding? The Troy Museum & Historic Village is the ideal site for a memorable ceremony and beautiful wedding photos. Experience the unique ambiance of our restored 1837 Troy Church or plan an outdoor wedding on our gazebo.

Call Laura at **248.524.3570** or stop in to book your date. Get more information online at [www.troymi.gov/museum](http://www.troymi.gov/museum).

## Winter Ice Harvest

**Monday, February 15**  
**1 pm - 2:30 pm**

Naturalist Dan Farmer will present a program on how ice was harvested from lakes, ponds, and rivers and stored for summer use to cool drinks, food, and make ice cream. He will demonstrate the tools used in the thick-walled ice houses of the past. Then, weather permitting, we'll drive over to Sylvan Lake and cut an actual block of ice! Homeschoolers, Scouts, and families welcome



**Ages 8 to adult. Fee \$15 per person. Groups of 10 or more, \$12. Register by February 1.**

## Educational Programs Serving Youth

Did you know that more than 12,000 schoolchildren, teachers, and homeschoolers visited the Museum last year? We offer hands-on historical programs that will meet the needs of your k-5 students. Visit [www.troymi.gov/museum](http://www.troymi.gov/museum) and click on "Teacher Information." Meet us at the Teacher Open House.



*Eighth grade students from the Troy School District participate in a "History of Dance in the 1800s" presentation as part of a pilot program that created daylong "Civil War Camps." In addition to square dancing, the students learned about military and camp life (through Civil War re-enactors), blacksmithing, and horseshoeing. They witnessed performers re-enact 'thoughts of Sojourner Truth' and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The program was made possible, in part, by a grant from the Kresge Foundation to the Troy Museum.*

## Teacher Open House

**Tuesday, February 2**  
**3:30-5:30 pm**

See what the Troy Museum has to offer your students! Experience our grade-specific programs for grades K-5. Discover the resources and learning opportunities we have available for older students. Find out how we can help you enhance your students' education. We make learning fun!

**FREE** program for teachers; grade levels K-12. Call to register by Jan 26.

## Lights! Camera! Action! at the Museum

Question: Where can a filmmaker find settings like a wonderful log cabin, a quaint 19th century home, or authentic one-room school, within five minutes of I-75 and four-star restaurants and hotels?



Answer: The Troy Museum & Historic Village. As Michigan welcomes the film industry, we can provide producers with locations for a variety of film sets. Call Manager Loraine Campbell for more information.

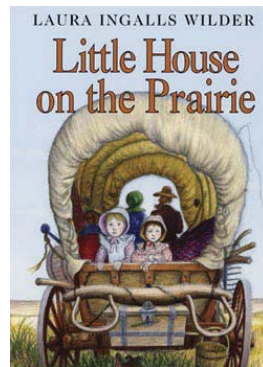


Laura Ingalls  
Wilder in 1906

## Come Celebrate Laura Ingalls Wilder at the Museum

### Special Display Arrives from Missouri

We're celebrating the 75th anniversary of the publication of *Little House on the Prairie* with a special display throughout the month of February. It comes to the Troy Museum direct from the Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Home and Museum located in Mansfield, Missouri (the home of "Rocky Ridge Farm" where Laura and Almanzo lived out their married lives and where she wrote the famous "Little House" books). The display -- *Laura Ingalls Wilder: The Journey of a Pioneer Family* -- provides a wonderful opportunity to explore the life of America's best-known pioneer girl.



This traveling display contains photographs and information relating to Laura Ingalls Wilder, her famous "Little House" books and America's westward expansion. The accessible exhibit will be in the Pioneer Room of the main museum building. Be sure to make time to enjoy this experience!

## Laura Ingalls Wilder Birthday Tea Party

**Saturday, February 6**  
**10:30 am - noon**

Celebrate Laura Ingalls Wilder's birthday (February 7, 1867) with us. Come dressed in a period costume or your Sunday best. Tea, finger foods, and activities just like Laura would have done are all part of the fun! A special take-home memento of the occasion is included.

**Ages: 6 - 12. Fee: \$15 per child.**



The "Little House" books describe the pioneer life of Carrie, Mary, and Laura Ingalls (pictured left to right).

## Research Troy's Past at the Museum

The Troy Museum & Historic Village and the Troy Public Library are teaming up to provide improved and expanded access to Troy's genealogical records and to assist those tracing their roots. The paper collection, including many obituaries, remains available to researchers during museum hours; appointments are recommended to ensure staff assistance.



### Quilt Exhibit Open House Thursday, February 4 2-4 pm

Be among the first to tour the Museum's quilt exhibit in February! Visit five display sites, including a rare chance to see historic quilts in the upstairs bedrooms of the Caswell House. Members of the Cameo Quilt Guild will be on hand to showcase their handiwork. **Free** with museum admission; no registration required.

### "The Quilt Life" Presentation Thursday, February 4 2-2:45 pm

Do you have an unfinished quilt top--a few squares with interesting designs--a quilt made by someone in your family? Would you like to know more about this piece of your valuable family history? Vera Milz will speak about the history of quilting in America from pioneer times to present day, allowing you to discover how your treasures fit into quilting history. She will bring a quilt made by her mother, one she has been working on since her own teen-age years, and a current project to demonstrate some of the changes that have occurred in how quilters create their quilts.

Tea and refreshments will be served. **Free** with museum admission; call to register by Feb 2. After the program, enjoy the exhibit open house!

### Quilting Demonstration Saturday, February 20 12:30-2:30 pm

Have you ever wondered how quilts are created? Watch as volunteers do piecework and quilting in our unique setting. You can ask questions, and learn about this special and historic craft. **Free** with museum admission; no registration required.